

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING JULY 20, 2010
E. CURTIS AMBLER ROOM

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Chairman Pappa called the roll call at 7:04 p.m. and noted Commissioners Byer (arrived at 7:07 p.m.), Igielski and Shapiro were present. Also present were Alternates Harlow and Zelek and Mr. Anthony Ferraro, Town Engineer.

NOTE: Chairman Pappa designated that Alternate Harlow would vote for Commissioner Forte and Alternate Zelek would vote for Commissioner Longo.

ITEM III
ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of June 15, 2010

Commissioner Igielski noted the Commission could not act on the minutes tonight because there was not a quorum of members present who were present at the June 15th meeting.

It was the consensus of Commission members to carry the item over to the August meeting.

ITEM IV
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

NOTE: Commissioner Byer arrived at 7:07p.m.

Ms. Holly Harlow, 11 Edmond Street, entered the following questions relative to future open space matters that would involve the Commission into the record:

- A. The Town Planning and Zoning Commission recently adopted the 2020 (Conservation and) Plan (of Development for the Town) that included an open space component. If a matter came before the (Conservation) Commission that affected open space, would the Commission hold a public hearing?
- B. If an application came before the Commission affecting open space that required a public hearing, would the Commission bring the matter to the attention of the (Town) Open Space Committee?

ITEM VA

Application 2010-04, South 555 Russell Road

Mr. Peter Lesmerises of Peter Marlow Forest Products said on behalf of the applicant that the application was being withdrawn.

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Application 2010-05, Carr Avenue et al MDC Pump Stations

Chairman Pappa noted that he is a member of the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) and therefore, he would not participate in the application. He turned the meeting over to Commissioner Igielski.

Mr. Steven C. Hallowell P.E., Senior Project Manager with Wright-Pierce and representing the applicant noted that Mr. Carlos Cruz from the MDC was present. Mr. Hallowell noted the application addresses a program by the MDC to upgrade five (5) existing waste water pump stations. The reason for these new upgrades is due to the loss of service during severe weather conditions and entered the following remarks into the record:

- A. Carr Avenue Pump Station---A 4 foot by 6 foot by 6 foot pre-cast concrete structure would be installed on site that would house the station's electrical switching gear that would be removed from its existing under ground location to an above ground location. This change would reduce the number of confined space entries by (MDC) personnel. All work would be done within the limits of the existing facility.
- B. Eagle Drive Pump Station--- A diesel generator with a level two (2) sound attenuator and 140 gallon double wall tank on a concrete pad would be installed on site. In addition a 4 foot by 6 foot by 6 foot pre-cast concrete structure would be installed on site that would house the station's electrical switching gear that would be removed from its existing under ground location to an above ground location. This change would reduce the number of confined space entries by (MDC) personnel. The scope of work would require the removal of some trees and minor site work.
- C. Eighth Street Pump Station--- A diesel generator with a level two (2) sound attenuator and 140 gallon double wall tank on a concrete pad would be installed on site. The existing electrical switching gear would be removed from its existing location within the 100 year flood plain to a location outside out side of the flood plain. A 4 foot by 6 foot by 6 foot pre-cast concrete structure would be installed at the new location that would house the station's electrical switching gear that would be removed from its existing under ground location to an above ground location. This change would reduce the number of confined space entries by (MDC) personnel. The new location of the previously noted facility would not require the placement of any fill material within a wetland area.

- D. Old Farm Drive Pump Station--- A diesel generator with a level two (2) exhaust attenuator and 140 gallon double wall tank on a concrete pad would be installed on site. A 4 foot by 6 foot by 6 foot pre-cast concrete structure would be installed on site that would house the station's electrical switching gear that would be removed from its existing under ground location to an above ground location. This change would reduce the number of confined space entries by (MDC) personnel. All work would be done within the limits of the existing facility.
- E. Windmill Lane Pump Station---This station would have a new stainless steel electrical enclosure mounted next to the existing panel and would also contain a receptacle for a generator; should one be required at a future date.

Commissioner Igielski asked how long would it take to complete the project? Mr. Hollowell responded about 2 to 3 week time frame for each site.

Mr. Carlos Cruz said a complete set of plans would be provided to the Town.

Commissioner Igielski asked if any of the sites were located within 500 feet of a Town line? Mr. Hollowell responded not to his knowledge.

Mr. Anthony Ferraro, Town Engineer, said that he would check to verify if any of the sites lie within 500 feet of a Town Line.

Mr. Ferraro noted that any intrusion would occur within the 100 foot upland review area.

Commissioner Igielski turned the meeting back to Chairman Pappa

TEM VI A

Application 2010-02, 43 Willard Avenue

Mr. Anthony Pina, the applicant, said the plan has been revised to take the proposed garage out of the Conservation Easement area. Copies of the revised plan were made available to Commission members.

Alternate Zelek thanked Mr. Pina for working with the Commission in providing an acceptable resolution to both parties.

Chairman Pappa asked if the application was complete? Mr. Ferraro responded yes.

Motion made by Commissioner Igielski that based on the information before it, the Commission make a finding of fact that a public hearing is not necessary for Application 2010-02 because the proposed activities would not have a major impact or significant effect on the regulated areas. Motion seconded by Alternate Harlow. There was no discussion. Vote was 5 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Byer) and the motion was carried.

Mr. Ferraro passed out a list of suggested conditions for consideration by Commission members. There was a general review and discussion by Commission members.

Motion made by Commissioner Igielski to grant a permit by Summary Ruling for Application 2010-02 and subject to conditions. Motion was seconded by Alternate Harlow. There was no discussion. Vote was 6 yes, 0 no and motion was carried.

NOTE: Refer to audio tape or “Official Notification of Action” for conditions of the permit.

ITEM VI B

Application 2010-03, 3066 Berlin Turnpike (Deming Street)

Mr. Alan Bongiovanni, the applicant, noted a presentation was made last month and that he had also met with Mr. Ferraro and staff to discuss some technical matters.

Mr. Bongiovanni noted for the record he was in receipt of a letter from Mr. Chuli, the owner of the property to the north, which represents an agreement on pending drainage issues and to provide the required drainage agreements.

Chairman Pappa asked if the application was complete? Mr. Ferraro responded yes.

Motion made by Commissioner Igielski that based on the information before it, the Commission make a finding of fact that a public hearing is not necessary for Application 2010-03 because the proposed activities would not have a major impact or significant effect on the regulated areas. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shapiro. There was no discussion. Vote was 6 yes, 0 no and the motion was carried.

Mr. Ferraro passed out a list of suggested conditions for consideration by Commission members. There was a general review and discussion by Commission members.

Motion made by Commissioner Igielski to grant a permit by Summary Ruling for Application 2010-03 and subject to conditions. Motion was seconded by Alternate Harlow. There was no discussion. Vote was 6 yes, 0 no and motion was carried.

NOTE: Refer to audio tape or “Official Notification of Action” for conditions of the permit.

ITEM VII

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

ITEM VIII

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS: NONE

Commissioner Igielski noted that with Commissioner Byer present, the Commission could now act on the minutes for the June 15, 2010 meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Igielski to return to ITEM VIII on the agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Byer. There was no discussion. Vote was 6 yes, 0 no and the motion was carried.

Commissioner Igielski entered the following corrections into the record:

- A. Top of Page 2---Remark “H” should read “He (Mr. Bongiovanni has been working....two (2) years. This project (product) is.....a low impact development.”
- B. Middle of Page 2---NOTE should read “AUDIO TAPE STARTS HERE (HER)”
- C. Bottom of Page 2---Remark “G” should read “The (surface run {nun} off from the) gray colored area.....into the watercourse.”

Recording Secretary Peter Arburr noted on the bottom of Page 1, Remark “C” should read “The project would contain a total of 26 units (22 duplexes and 4 town houses with 4 units each {single unit houses}).”

Motion made by Commissioner Igielski to accept the minutes as corrected and was seconded by Commissioner Byer. There was no discussion. Vote was 4 yes, 0 no, 2 abstention (Harlow and Shapiro) and the motion was carried.

Chairman Pappa said that he would personally respond to the person, who earlier had raised questions during the meeting under public participation.

Motion made by Commissioner Shapiro to adjourn meeting at 7:55 p.m. and was seconded by Commissioner Byer. There was no discussion. Vote was 6 yes, 0 no and motion was carried.

Peter M. Arburr, Recording Secretary

Commission Members
Tayna Lane, Town Clerk
Town Manager John Salamone
Edmund Meehan, Town Planner
Councilor Myra Cohen
Chairperson, Town Plan and Zoning Commission
Anthony Ferraro, Town Engineer
Ben Ancona Jr., Esquire, Town Attorney
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